

Chapter 3 The Scorpion and the Frog





Sign: "Aquarium"



I DON'T REALLY
MIND
I'VE GOT
NOTHING
BUT TIME
ANYWAY.



SORRY
FOR
MAKING
YOU
WAIT!

SCHONON!!!



SURE.

WAAAAH
GONG

IN THAT
CASE,
LET'S
START
LOOKING
AROUND
FROM THE
VERY
BEGINNING.



PEOPLE
THINK I'M A
PEDOPHILE
WHO'S
DATING A
JUNIOR HIGH
SCHOOL
STUDENT?

UHL.
COULD
IT BE
THAT?

Don't
press

That's



Sign: "Aquarium map"

WAAAAH
GONG

Don't
press











"WHEN THE FROG GOT TO THE CENTER OF THE RIVER, HE FELT AN EXCRUCIATING PAIN IN HIS BACK."

"THE FROG WAS CONVINCED, AND AFTER LETTING THE SCORPION CRAWL ONTO HIS BACK, HE STARTED TO SWIM."

I WON'T STING YOU AFTER ALL, IF I DID THAT, I WOULD DROWN AND DIE, TOO.



YEAH... I'M SORRY...

...WHY? WHY DID YOU STING ME? YOU'RE... GOING TO DIE, TOO...



IS JUST MY NATURE.

THIS



STARTLED

GOHONGI!
LOOK,
LOOK!













IT'S
NOT YOUR
BLOOD
RIGHT?
YOU'RE
NOT HURT,
ARE YOU?



I'M ALREADY
THINKING
OF MEI AS A
SCORPION.

WHO
AM I
TRYING TO
FOOL?

CAN
PEOPLE
KNOW
WHAT
THEY'RE
DOING
WRONG
AND SMILE
THAT
LIKE AS
THEY KILL?

CAN
PEOPLE
REALLY
BECOME
KILLERS JUST
SO THEY CAN
LOOK FOR
THEIR
BROTHER?



OH,
HAI!
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

WE GOT
HIT A
SCORPION.
IT'LL BE
DEAD.



MOM'S
PROBABLY
HAD AT
US.

IT'S
GOTTEN
PRETTY
LATE,
HAI?



MSI.



Hana



BUT
STILL...

SHE IS
A KID.



NO
THANKS.



WANNA
HOLD
HANDS?







EGG SALAD AND RICE PORRIDGE WITH SCALLOPS.







MY
NAME'S
RITSU.

I LIVE
THERE
AS
WELL.

YEAH.
I WORK AT
THE VIDEO
SHOP THREE
BLOCKS DOWN.
I'M ON
MY BREAK
NOW.



OH,
THAT'S
RIGHT.
THERE IS
A VIDEO
SHOP
THERE.



NICE
MEET-
ING
YOU,
RITSU.

I'M AM
GOMMON.
YOU CAN
CALL ME
AKI.



RITSU,
TALK
THIS
TO THE
GUYS
TOMOR.

GOT
IT.



I LIKE
GIRLS
LIKE
THAT.

AAAH.
SHE'S THE
SENSIBLE
TYPE.

LET
ME
KNOW.



NICE
MEET-
ING
YOU
TOO,
AKI.

TAKE
YOUR
TIME.



I JUST
HAVE TO
AVOID
COMING IN
CONTACT
WITH THEIR
DARKER
SIDES.



MEI AND
KATSURA
USUALLY
ACT LIKE
ANY
OTHER
PEOPLE.



IT'S JUST LIKE
MANOME-SAN
SAID. A NORMAL
PERSON LIKE ME

SHOULDN'T GET
INVOLVED WITH
THE UNDER-
WORLD.



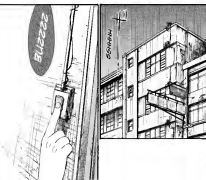




I'M WITH
DRAGON'S
BEARD













IT
HASN'T
MY
THEIR
THEN.



OH, THE LONELY
HOMETOWN
MEMBER WHO
STABBED ME
WAS A SLENDER,
MIDDLE-AGED
GUY WEARING A
BLACK SHIRT.





